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Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending September 21, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 21, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 30 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 31 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 54.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Mammoth Spring to 67.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Highs ranged from 73.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Mountain Home to 91.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the north central region of the state with an average of 0.60 inches.

Crop progress for week ending September 21, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	100	99	100	100
Corn, harvested	74	59	84	85
Cotton, open bolls	75	67	73	78
Rice, mature	86	78	84	86
Rice, harvested	44	30	41	54
Sorghum, mature	97	94	95	98
Sorghum, harvested	71	54	53	72
Soybeans, turning color	73	62	59	62
Soybeans, dropping leaves	57	43	39	42
Soybeans, mature	42	33	29	30
Soybeans, harvested	23	14	17	19

Crop condition for week ending September 21, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	0	5	19	51	25
Hay, alfalfa	5	10	39	46	0
Hay, other	3	8	39	45	5
Livestock	1	2	20	66	11
Pasture	1	10	32	49	8
Rice	1	5	27	49	18
Soybeans	2	10	25	43	20

Comments from Extension Agents

“Crop harvest was slowed by rain and cool wet weather. Peanut harvest has been delayed by the cool, cloudy weather experienced during the week. Look for harvest progress to get back on track with dry weather and sunshine next week. A few livestock farmers have reported armyworm infestations during the past week. Rain during the week provided the moisture needed to spark cool season forage growth and to germinate much of the cool season annual forages planted in the past week and a half.”

-Mike Andrews, Randolph County

“Harvesting rice, corn and grain sorghum. Baling hay and spraying hay and pasture fields for armyworms. Wet conditions and high humidity has delayed and made harvesting extremely difficult.”

-Hank Chaney, Faulkner County

“Harvest pace has picked up significantly. Harvest yields range from excellent to average across all crops. Cotton harvest has not begun. Dry down of mature crops is impeding harvest pace.”

-Russ Parker, Crittenden County

“Cool temperatures are slowing down crop maturity. Should see more cotton defoliated. There's a big concern about leaves sticking on plants and not dropping with cool temperatures. Rice yields will likely be just average this year. Cotton looks good but will know about yields when pickers harvest and it is ginned. Lot of tillage being done after crops harvested”

-Mitch Crow, Saint Francis County

“Planting winter annual forages has begun. Spring calves are being sold.”

-Mike McCarter, Pike County

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending September 21, 2014										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston	75.6	60.6	68.1	67.9	0.1	0.25	3	NA	2.58	NA
Lead Hill	73.9	57.7	65.8	66.8	-1.0	0.40	2	-0.56	2.49	-1.01
Winslow	77.6	61.4	69.5	NA	NA	0.77	7	NA	5.92	NA
Extreme/Average	75.7	59.9	67.8	67.3	-0.4	0.47	7	-0.56	3.66	-1.01
North Central										
Calico Rock	73.6	58.7	66.1	67.9	-1.8	0.15	1	-0.86	2.79	-0.62
Evening Shade	74.1	57.0	65.6	70.1	-4.5	0.41	3	-0.45	3.04	-0.14
Gilbert	77.6	61.8	69.7	69.3	0.8	0.39	5	-0.64	2.56	-0.94
Mammoth Spring	74.0	54.9	64.4	67.6	-3.2	1.64	4	0.70	4.94	1.54
Mtn Home	73.4	58.9	66.1	69.6	-3.4	0.70	4	-0.32	4.95	1.10
Mtn View	77.1	60.4	68.8	70.0	-1.2	0.29	4	-0.67	2.27	-1.33
Extreme/Average	75.0	58.6	66.8	69.1	-2.2	0.60	5	-0.37	3.43	-0.06
Northeast										
Corning	75.0	58.1	66.6	70.5	-3.9	0.33	1	-0.49	3.16	0.26
Jonesboro	78.3	60.4	69.4	70.6	-1.2	0.37	3	-0.39	3.04	0.52
Keiser	79.0	62.4	70.7	72.3	-1.5	0.25	2	-0.54	0.72	-1.71
Newport	77.0	60.1	68.6	71.5	-2.9	0.05	3	-0.66	1.06	-1.63
Pocahontas	74.7	57.1	65.9	69.4	-3.5	0.71	3	-0.09	4.50	1.31
Extreme/Average	76.8	59.6	68.2	70.8	-2.6	0.34	3	-0.43	2.50	-0.25
West Central										
Booneville	82.9	63.0	72.9	71.3	1.6	0.15	3	-0.80	6.07	2.65
Dardanelle	81.6	63.6	72.6	72.6	-0.1	0.83	2	NA	2.83	NA
Mena	82.0	63.6	72.8	70.1	2.7	0.23	2	-0.71	4.17	0.70
Subiaco	81.9	62.3	72.1	71.7	0.4	0.06	1	-0.86	3.75	0.31
Waldron	81.3	63.6	72.4	70.1	2.3	1.30	2	0.33	6.44	2.83
Extreme/Average	81.9	63.2	72.6	71.2	1.4	0.51	3	-0.51	4.65	1.62
Central										
Cabot	82.5	59.0	70.8	72.4	-1.7	0.00	0	-0.62	0.83	-2.03
Conway	80.6	63.1	71.9	71.9	0.0	0.01	1	-0.69	3.63	1.00
Hot Springs	82.3	63.6	72.9	73.1	-0.1	0.21	1	-0.68	3.04	-0.42
Morrilton	82.0	61.6	71.8	71.5	0.3	0.00	0	-0.77	3.64	0.72
Extreme/Average	81.8	61.8	71.8	72.2	-0.4	0.06	1	-0.69	2.79	-0.18
East Central										
Brinkley	80.4	59.9	70.1	72.1	-2.0	0.00	0	-0.62	1.55	-0.75
Stuttgart	83.3	62.6	72.9	72.9	0.1	0.52	1	-0.08	1.48	-0.69
West Memphis	81.6	62.7	72.1	73.1	-1.0	0.00	0	-0.71	3.55	0.91
Extreme/Average	81.8	61.7	71.7	72.7	-1.0	0.17	1	-0.47	2.19	-0.18
Southwest										
Ashdown	83.3	60.1	71.7	NA	NA	0.41	2	-0.36	3.06	-0.09
Hope	83.4	64.4	73.9	73.0	0.9	0.05	1	-0.74	2.98	-0.38
Murfreesboro	82.7	62.1	72.4	71.2	1.2	0.05	1	-0.77	5.26	1.96
Nashville	85.7	65.4	75.6	74.7	0.9	0.06	2	-0.72	1.51	-1.56
Extreme/Average	83.8	63.0	73.4	73.0	1.0	0.14	2	-0.65	3.20	-0.02
South Central										
Camden	85.1	61.6	73.4	73.0	0.4	0.00	0	-0.78	1.61	-1.22
Fordyce	84.4	63.1	73.8	71.7	2.1	1.22	1	0.47	3.45	0.73
Prescott	83.5	63.5	73.5	72.3	1.4	0.00	0	-0.67	2.54	-0.49
Sparkman	80.9	61.6	71.2	72.2	-0.9	0.06	1	-0.57	2.28	-0.22
Extreme/Average	83.5	62.4	73.0	72.3	0.7	0.32	1	-0.39	2.47	-0.30
Southeast										
Crossett	85.7	63.6	74.6	73.0	1.6	0.00	0	-0.71	2.61	-0.56
Eudora	91.9	67.6	79.7	75.9	3.9	0.50	1	-0.29	7.56	4.58
Pine Bluff	84.1	65.0	74.6	74.0	0.6	0.22	2	-0.57	2.08	-0.76
Portland	84.4	65.3	74.9	73.9	0.9	0.24	2	-0.46	4.66	2.00
Rohwer	85.6	65.6	75.6	73.6	2.0	0.67	2	0.12	3.27	1.11
Extreme/Average	86.3	65.4	75.9	74.1	1.8	0.33	2	-0.38	4.04	1.27
State	80.7	61.7	71.2	71.4	-0.3	0.33	2	-0.49	3.16	0.10

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal= Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.